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Rev. A. A. Phelps

Boston

Mrs.

Coberlin, S. Feb 22, 1840

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J. P. Cowles.

Dear brother Phelps,

There is a report here, quite current & much agitated
in, that you have embraced ^{peculiar} the views entertained by, & publicly
avowed your belief in them in Marlboro Chapel. Such a report
was circulated about me by Pres. Mahan in consequence of a
sermon I preached here the fall before I left, on the fallacy
of Christ. I almost know you have not done any thing
more than that. Br. Mahan catches at a straw. But if you
have not gone into these views, let me know immediately, that
I may be able to contradict it. I have ventured to say, it
could not be true. Since the news, which created considerable
sensation in these parts, Br. Henry, emboldened perhaps by
your example, has publicly committed himself to the doc-
trine more fully than ever before, or than I ever expected
he would. This is quite an era here. Please write immedi-
ately. I hardly know how to interpret your long silence.
Pres. Mahan has not yet arrived.

Yours as ever,
J. P. Cowles